

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02267-EGS**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/30/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/30/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6286637) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
08/01/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zeg) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/01/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/6/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/6/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/5/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/6/2019 (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/06/2019)

08/09/2019	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order.. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 08/09/19. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>6</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/30/2019	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>6</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
09/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> unopposed motion for extension of time to file answer to amended complaint. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the amended complaint by no later than September 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 9/4/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 09/04/2019)
09/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant Answer Or Otherwise Response To The Complaint due by 9/13/2019. (mac) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/13/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>6</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
10/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than November 8, 2019. The parties joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (4)Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/2/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 11/8/2019. (mac) (Entered: 10/02/2019)